

# **BECKY LYNN SELLERS, PT**

CAPTAIN, USPHS

CAPT Becky Sellers will retire from the United States Public Health Service in April of this year after 20 years of dedicated service as a commissioned officer and as an integral member of the Therapist category. Her career began in 1989 at an isolated hardship site in Zuni, NM, where she spent the next 16 years serving as the Deputy Chief of PT, Chief of PT and ultimately as the Albuquerque Area Regional Therapy Consultant. During her time at Zuni, CAPT Sellers initiated bi-monthly podiatry services coordinated by the Physical Therapy department. She served as the chairperson for the Occupational Illness/Injury Prevention Team and as Clinical Instructor for students from nine different university programs. CAPT Sellers was instrumental in establishing and operating an independent Physical Therapy department at the neighboring Acoma/Canoncito/Laguna Service Unit. Reflective of her training and expertise in gerontology, CAPT Sellers made multiple presentations on the local, regional and national levels regarding care of the elder patient. This officer's dedication and service continued outside of the rehab clinic into her community, where she served as a counselor and advisory board member for 16 years with the Gallup Crisis Pregnancy Center as well as other civic positions and activities. The remaining four years of CAPT Sellers' career were spent in Lawton, OK, where she initiated and developed physical therapy services for the Indian Health Service facility there.

CAPT Sellers' most significant career notability has been through her extensive involvement in the Therapist Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC). She served in the Retention and Membership Subcommittees for three years each, then as the TPAC Chairperson. During her time of leadership as TPAC Chair, her ingenuity and efforts led to several significant changes that to this day have positively impacted officers beyond the therapist category. She is responsible for the change of the category meetings from being held in Washington, DC to the current teleconference format. This format allows all therapists within the category to participate in TPAC meetings regardless of physical location. During her initial year as TPAC Chair, CAPT Sellers initiated a one day training session prior to the national COA conference from which therapists might receive continuing education units. This has since become what all commissioned officers know as *Category Day* at the annual COA conference. Finally, CAPT Sellers established the William Fromherz Award for the Therapist Category, in order to honor and recognize CAPT Fromherz' prior service to the TPAC as well as the entire Commission Corps.

CAPT Sellers' career is well highlighted with numerous Public Health Service awards as well as Indian Health Service Area awards. She also maintained membership with multiple professional associations throughout her entire career.

CAPT Sellers gives her career highlight as "working with and having the chance to get to know such wonderful folks in our category". CAPT Becky Sellers' dedicated service, camaraderie, and leadership during the last 20 years have been greatly appreciated by the Therapist Category. We wish her all the best in her retirement.